

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Water Treatment Building

other name/site number: CN0083

2. Location

street & number: Unnamed dirt access road running south from State Highway  
154 from a point located approximately 800 feet east of  
Bench Mark 914

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Winrock

vicinity: X

state: AR

county: Conway

code: AR 029

zip code: 72025

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Facilities Constructed by the  
Civilian Conservation Corps in Arkansas, 1933-1942

.. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_

request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn A. Byrd \_\_\_\_\_ 4-6-92  
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**5. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- \_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic: RECREATION AND CULTURE Sub: Outdoor recreation  
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/ Waterworks  
EXTRACTION

Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: N/A

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification:

N/A

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Other Description: Rustic Resort

Materials: foundation Cast concrete roof Cast concrete  
walls Stone other \_\_\_\_\_  
Board and batten

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: SOCIAL HISTORY  
ARCHITECTURE  
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1942

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Civilian Conservation Corps

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:   \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point on the western edge of the unnamed, unpaved access road (which road runs south from State Highway 154 and the western edge of which begins at a point thereon located approximately 800 feet east of Bench Mark 914) formed by the intersection of said edge with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's northern elevation and located approximately 750 feet south of the intersection of said edge with the southern edge of State Highway 154, proceed westerly along said line for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's western elevation; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel with the building's southern elevation; thence proceed easterly along said line for a distance of 200 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the western edge of State Highway 154; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance 200 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:   \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both the historic structure and a representative amount of the surrounding property historically-associated with the maintenance and utility functions for which this structure was erected.

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Water Treatment Building c. 1935

The Water Treatment Building is now an abandoned structure of field-stone masonry construction with a continuous cast-concrete foundation. It is a one-story square structure built in the Rustic Resort style. The building has a built-up flat roof with a parapet and a concrete cap. The one tall, narrow awning window has six panes and has been largely boarded up. A gable roof projection once extended from the eastern elevation, and a shed roof addition once extended from the northern elevation.

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The land that would comprise Petit Jean State Park was donated to the State of Arkansas in the mid-1920's by individual landowners and sympathetic lumbering concerns as the first step in the formation of a state parks system. The top of Petit Jean Mountain had already been recognized for its scenic splendor, and for its geological wealth and diversity, and so seemed a particularly worthy site. The initial plan of these citizens was to turn the entire site over to the federal government for the establishment of a national park; however, after considerable study, National Park Service officials determined that Petit Jean Mountain was not a unique natural resource when evaluated on a national basis, and thus declined to assume ownership. Yet these same officials strongly encouraged the state to preserve and maintain the site as an important representation of Arkansas's natural heritage, and in 1923, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 276 authorizing the Commissioner of State Lands to accept land donations for state parks and reservations. Thus began the Arkansas State Parks system, with Petit Jean State Park as its flagship.

The Water Treatment Building was constructed c. 1935 at Petit Jean State Park by the men of the 1781st Company of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Arkansas District, stationed at Morrilton, Arkansas as a utility maintenance building to serve the park's need for potable drinking water (as is the case at many locations throughout the Ouachita Mountains, natural contaminants render the smaller natural streams, rivers and springs unfit for drinking, and thus the water must be treated; this building was constructed to shelter the required filtering and chemical treatment equipment for the park). This facility was constructed by the CCC as part of the overall plan to develop this part of the mountain as a public park to be administered by the state of Arkansas.

This building was erected at Petit Jean State Park by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps for the purpose of providing clean, potable drinking water for park visitors and staff, and as such was an integral component of the maintenance and physical plant facilities of the park. Thus the Water Treatment Building is eligible under Criterion A for its associations with both the Civilian Conservation Corps' importance within Arkansas social history and its role in the development of outdoor parks dedicated to public leisure and recreational activities. It is also eligible under Criterion C due to its status as a representative and intact example of the Rustic style of architecture that was made popular nationwide by the CCC, and which has since become virtually identified with it.

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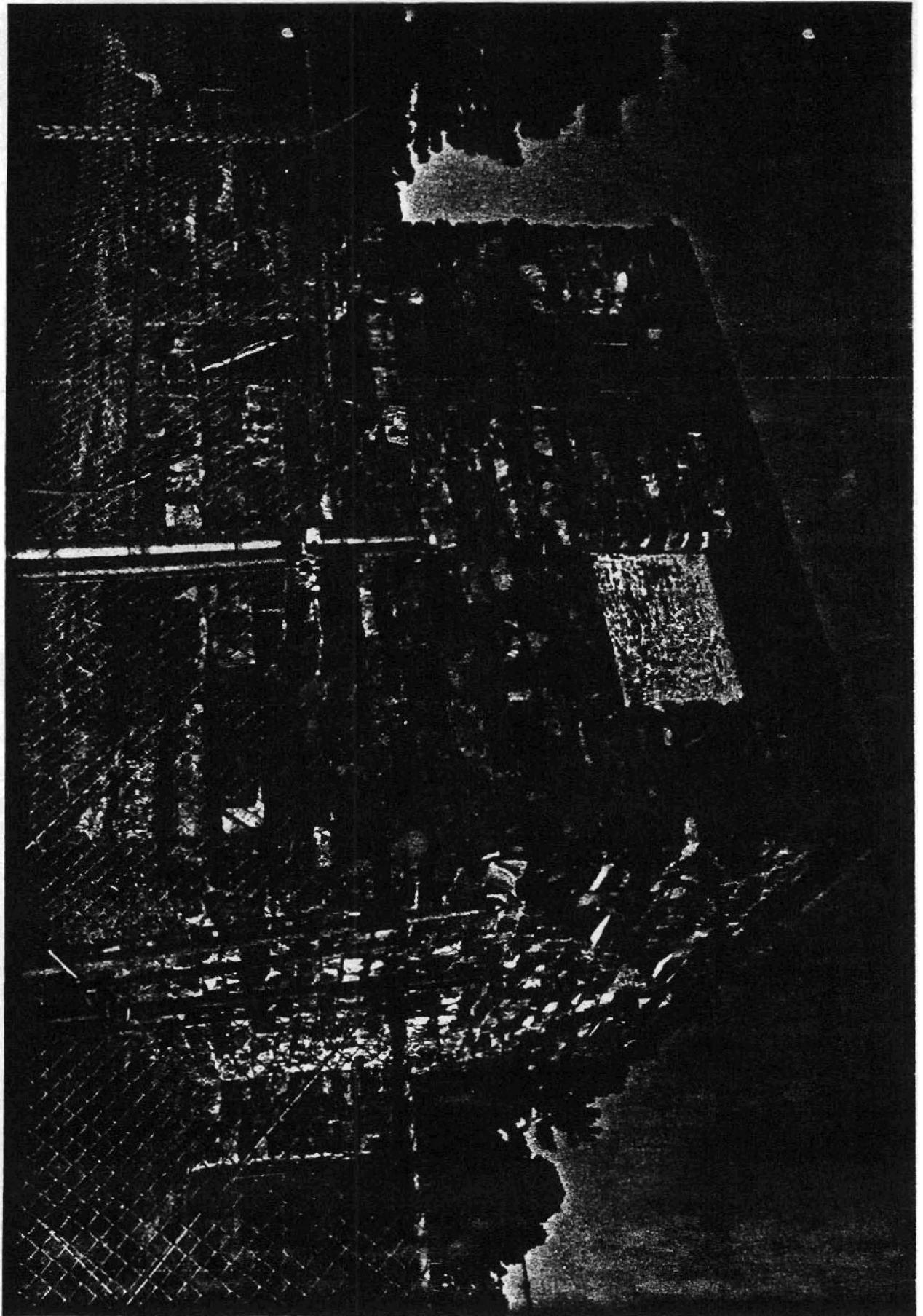
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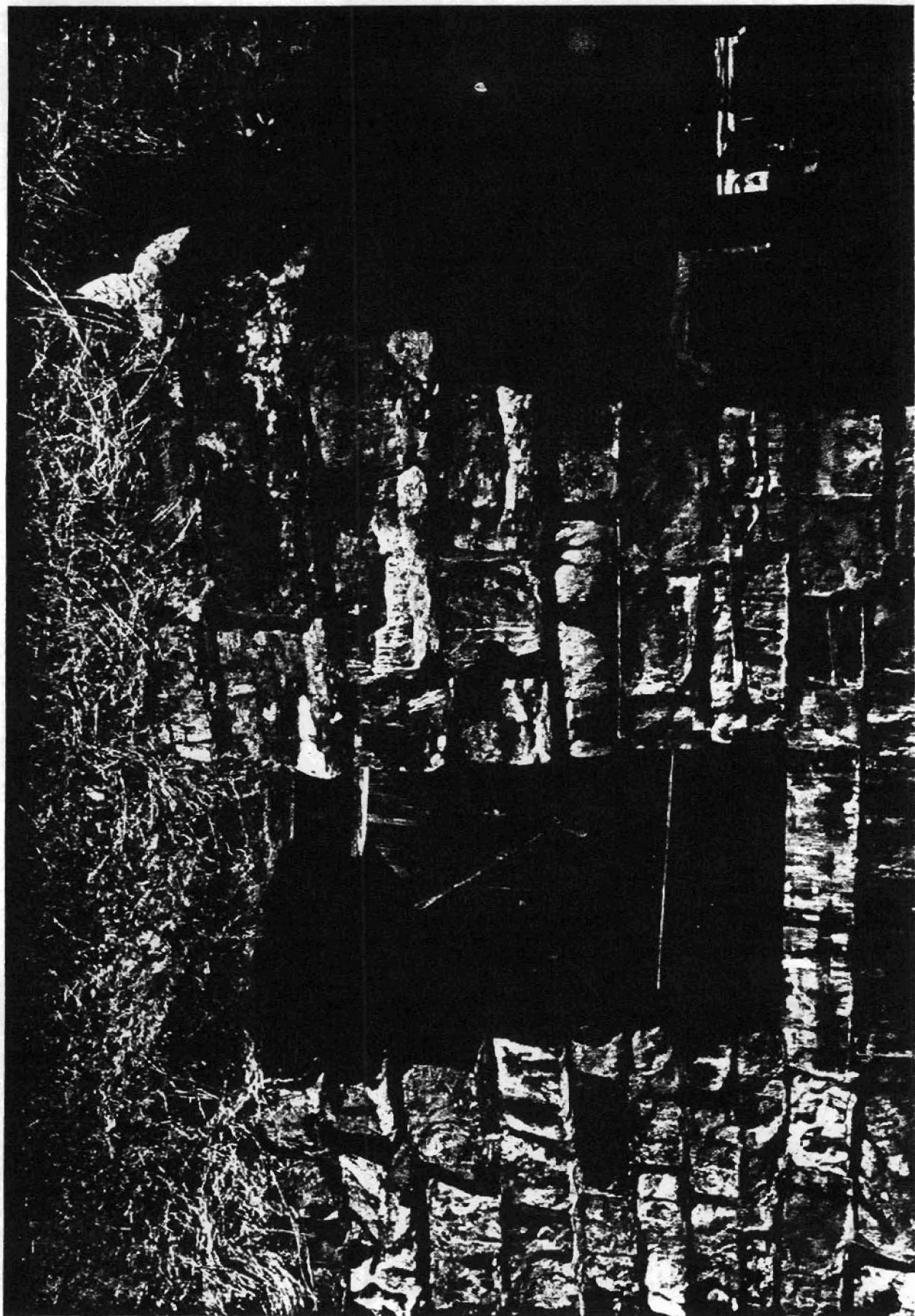


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RIVER VIEW SPAN PARK  
WINDY HILL, ALA 35115  
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